

## GLEANINGS.

The "up-to-date" Sunday school teacher shows unmistakable evidence of his standing and qualifications in daily life and practice in the following ways:

1st. He prepares each lesson thoroughly, and does not depend wholly on his general knowledge of the Bible.

2nd. He uses lesson helps as they should be used; with the Bible, and not apart from it.

3rd. He and his scholars use nothing but the Bibles in the class. As to method of teaching, he uses the cork-screw instead of the funnel.

4th. He does not attempt to teach all there is in a lesson, but seeks to impress this truth or that, according to its importance and the needs of his class.

5th. He knows that as "Iron sharpeneth iron," so "teacher sharpeneth teacher," at the Teachers' Meeting, and to do his best work he must be there. When there, he is not a jug, simply waiting to be filled up.

6th. He does not scold his scholars for dropping out of his class, but seeks for the cause in himself, where he knows he is most likely to find it. It is not always found there, but he looks there first.

7th. He knows his scholars on Wednesday. "He calls them by name." He shakes their hand. He knows which lives in the frame house, and which has a poor and widowed mother.

8th. He enters heartily into all the general exercises of the school, for he has noticed that when he does not, his scholars do not. His class is prompt and orderly because he is.

9th. Every member of his class contributes a specific amount each Sunday, and makes up for absences. He sets the example. Because of this system his class gives more than others and does it easier.

10th. He has pondered over, prayed over and forever settled in his own mind these three things, and governs his work and life accordingly.

1. His responsibility as teacher of that class is to God and not simply to the superintendent.

2. He is the teacher of that class seven days in the week, and not simply on Sunday.

3. He cannot expect to raise his class spiritually to a higher plane than he occupies himself.

The "up-to-date" teacher does not "take his work as a dose." He pushes it instead of dragging it. He is happy in it, and of course succeeds.—*International Evangel.*

It is not right or safe for a teacher in a Sunday school to assume, as a matter of course, that a child on entering the Sunday school is yet without an active conscious trust in Christ. It is a great deal more important to find out the child's present relation to Christ than to find out about the child's personal experience in the line of what is called "conversion." Many a child in the Sunday school, who is quite as trusting a believer in Jesus as is his teacher, is urged persistently to be converted, or to become a believer in Jesus, when he cannot understand what is desired of him as a result of this urging. "Mamma," said a little child-christian, "my Sunday school teacher wants me to be a christian. What does she mean? I love Jesus now with all my heart. Will it be any different when I am a christian?" A teacher ought first to know that this particular child is in some other attitude to Christ than that of a trusting, praying follower before he or she dares to cause that little one to stumble by telling him that he is not a christian. Every child ought to be a believer in Jesus, and no teacher has a right either to assume that every child is so, or not so, without special knowledge in the case.—*Sunday School Times.*

Beloved parents! listen to the blessed tidings of which Noah is God's messenger to you: There is room for your child in the ark; the God who saves you expects you to bring your child with you. Oh, let it be no longer enough to pray and hope that your child may be saved, but accept in faith the assurance that he can be, and act out in obedience the command that you are to bring him in. And to each question as to how, let the answer be taken deeper to heart, "Go thou and thy house." Go in and live in the ark; bring up and train thy little ones there, as one wholly separated from the world and dwelling there; God's blessing will use thy training for their salvation. Abide in Christ, and let the child feel that to be near thee is to be near Christ; live in the power of the love and the redemption and the life of Christ; thy house will be to the child the ark where Christ is known and found. Oh! if thou hast indeed heard that most blessed word "I have seen thee righteous," let it teach thee in the obedience of a joyous faith to fulfil the precept "Come thou and all thy house into the ark."—*Andrew Murray.*